

ESSAY CONTEST

First place in the America and Me essay contest the 8th graders entered last fall was awarded to Greta Ogden. Her name will be engraved on the trophy and her essay will be entered in the state wide competition. Should she win she will be invited to meet the governor in Lansing and may win anywhere from \$200 to \$1000 savings bond.

Second place was awarded to Susan Ambs and third place to Calvin Hubbard.

math makers to wmu

Nine students have been chosen to represent the middle school in the regional math competition April 23 at Western Michigan University.

Representing the 8th grade will be Chris Boley, Mike McCarthy, and Julie Golisek. John Hendrickson, Andrew Manard and Scott Bredikis will represent the 7th grade, and the 6th grade contestants will be John Tapper, Ann Wilkinson and Eric Greene.

spellers progress

The middle school placed two students in the individual spelling bee competition to be held April 19 in St. Joseph at Lake Michigan College. Sylvia Frattallone and Maryann Barich will return to St. Joe to compete with 28 other students for the chance to go to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. the first week in June.

hi high school

It's that time of the year-registration for high school and the eighth graders did exactly that two weeks ago in their math classes. If you have not yet turned in your registration, better zoom to Mr. Pefley's office even as you read this. Everyone, no matter what you may be doing next fall, should register for high school if he/she is in 8th grade right now.



America & Me Winner Greta Ogden

PPMS 8th place

Can you spell sphygmomanometer? This is one word in the spelling bee that our team of Chris Boely, Tina Snow, Brian Bock, Michelle Veldt, Sylvia Frattallone, and Maryann Barich needed to know how to spell.

Even with tough words like that, Maryann Barich didn't miss a single word and Sylvia Frattallone only missed one out of the 90 words, which made our team come in eighth out of twenty-four.

The team, with the other four members including Dawn Stanley, Tim Miley, Scott Bredikis and Amy Beardon, will go on to the Lawton competition April 22. The Grapevine contest includes Mattawan, Lawton, Decatur, and Paw Paw.

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BAND TAKES a 2nd at Festival
Hurray!

Smoking Unpopular

The roving reporters of the Good Times ran a survey of all grade levels and discovered.... pretty encouraging news about the middle schoolers. News to make Mrs. Mahanty happy and the rest of us breath easier..

391 people do not smoke, wouldn't think of it and firmly said no to cigarettes. 55 said they did smoke or had smoked. 9 gave no comment.

In the 8th grade, 97 said no, 30 said yes to the question "Do you smoke?" In the 7th grade, 140 said no, while only 21 said yes. In the 6th grade, 154 said no and only 4 said yes.

It's encouraging to see so many said no; it's discouraging to think there are any among middle schoolers who would smoke at all. Here's hoping those who do will quit and live longer.

Fool's Day History

Ever wonder where the April Fool came from? (and no, the first wasn't from Paw Paw) The custom began in France after the adoption of a reformed calendar by Charles IX in 1564. France was the first to adopt the calendar; up until that time the New Year celebration began March 21 and ended on April 1.

Have a good tomorrow! (no fooling)
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St. Pat's- Why?

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17 in honor of the patron saint of Ireland.

His death on March 17, around the year 461, has been observed in the United States since colonial days. The friendly sons of St Patrick's were organized in Philadelphia. Another chapter was organized in New York made up of Catholics and Presbyterians.

Celebration of the date has been nation-wide since around 1845. Green of course has always been its traditional color.

Legends about St. Patrick include the story of how he supposedly charmed the snakes of Ireland into the seas so they were drowned. Another legend has Patrick using a three leaf shamrock to illustrate the concept of the trinity. It is possible that this is why the shamrock has become the national symbol of Ireland.

The name shamrock itself comes from

the Gaelic seamrog which means Trefoil or three leaved. Generally a small clover is considered to be the true shamrock.

Boys' Basketball Tourney

Though it has been a while, the boys' basketball tournament is certainly worth mentioning.

Played in mid-February, the results were as follows: South Haven St. Basil 29 and Paw Paw 44. Pete Rozenbergs, 18 and Kevin Staniszewski 12. 8th grade went on to play Covert with a score of 43 Covert, 31 Paw Paw. Pete Rozenbergs was again the top scorer with 12. Finally, at South Haven, S.H. had 41 and Paw Paw had 50 points. Kevin Staniszewski led the scoring with 13.

The 7th grade results were S.Haven, 29, P.P. 24 and James Calhoun was the leading pointscorer with 17. Covert, 29, PP 34. Leading scoring was James Calhoun with a whopping 22 points. Finally, Saugatuck scored 27 to P.P.'s 17.

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Meet Mrs. Wilder

Mrs. Wilder is subbing for Mrs. Sang for the remainder of the school year. She has been in the middle school subbing in many other classes all year and has had a chance to get to know all the students in all sorts of situations.

She has been married for 25 years and has two kids, one is 17 and the other is 15. She majored in home ec and she loves teaching here in the middle school.

Her hobbies include sewing, cooking and working in all kinds of groups. Her interests also involve gardening and kids.

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Congrats to Mrs. Sang and Mr. Sang on the birth of Phillip- born March 10.

Start now... on those "How I spent my spring vacation" essays.

Got anything to sell or give away? List it in the Good Times... for the next issue... in May.

Mrs. Dobbs Does Math

Mrs. Dobbs is the algebra teacher who also teaches 8th grade math. She has been teaching for 13 years in grades 7- 11. Her favorite grade is 8th.

Her favorite food is Cavitelli, an Italian dish. Her hobbies are sailing, cross-country skiing, reading and traveling. She is married and has three children, Anne, Joseph, and Nathaniel.

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Student teacher Mr. Reister

Mr. Reister is a student teacher working with Mr. Hawley and Mrs. Smith in the 6th grade. He is a student from Western Michigan University and he majored in environmental science. He graduates in April and would like to teach any grade from 4th through 7th. He is willing to travel to find a job.

Some of his hobbies are photography, hunting, basketball, baseball, golf, and softball. He also likes to travel.

If he could be anyone in the world, he would be a jazz or blues piano player. He played a trombone in high school.

Mr. Reister used to play baseball with Dave Rosema, a Detroit Tiger pitcher.

He is also a staff member at Lakeside School for Boys and Girls. He works with emotionally impaired boys and girls.

B. Lehto
P.J. Moore

Volleying the Ball

Volleyball meets in shifts. One group meets on Monday and the other on Thursday. The next week they switch. There are so many out for volleyball that a group shift was the only way to allow everyone to play.

Coaches for the groups are Mrs. McBride and Mrs. Thomas.

Group one includes Laura Sullivan, Melinda Flick, Julie Root, Kristi Timmerman, Sarah McCarthy, Mark Gulik, Howard Jordan, Craig Shuring, Beth Burge, Beth deBaptiste, Elizabeth Farrell, Sharyl Golisek, Darcy Lehto, Dianna McMunn, Carol Roberts, Julie Golisek, Matt Hollaman, Dan Kolosar, Jimmy Banner, Angela Newbatt, Scott Figg, Dan Webb, Kandi Pilarski, Kristine Ranger, Michelle Page, Jennifer Lozon, Annette Brugh, Diane Waymire, Aaron Foulkrod, Scott Lindenbach, Nancy Walter, Kathy Hovda, Abbie Adams, Marie Hoover, and Darren Bishop.

Bishop.

Group II is made up of Missy Bailey, John Glomski, Marc Galbraith, Mike Shinaberry, Sharyn Dillon, Connie Kirshenbauer, Lora Wilson, Jane Rice, Kathy Teske, Michele Bilger, Jenny Wallace, Rinda Teske, Beth Hansen, Sheila Hughes, Danniele Essex, Jenny Paluch, Wendy Hoyer, Lisa Brock, Chris Eyre, Tinker Kantz, Cindy Roberts, Belinda Douglas, Donna Jacobs, Carin Thomas, April Ruthruff, Tisha Mitchell, Sara Lumm, Lupe Guerra, Ingrid Lacey, Ken McMullen, Andrea Pluta, Heather Staniszwski, Suzy Triquet, Jamie Bonter, Nicole Campbell, and Donna Wycoff.

sg & dl

The Good Timers include Mrs. Swanson's 1st hour class: Tammy Ruthruff, Kathy Hoover, Norma Ousley, Denise Schlueter, Todd Harmon, Pat Killarney, Scott Lindenbach, Dawn Trotter, Carol Roberts, Dorene Ripley, Chris Eyre, Nicole Campbell, Diana McMunn, Jacquie Carlsen, Julie and Sharyl Golisek, Darcy Lehto; 6th gr. are, Kathy Triquet, P.J. Moore, Ann Wilkinson, Sheila Hughes, Trevor Smith, Cliff Overacker and Kerrin Hindenach and Brett Lehto.

Field Trip to K.V.I.S.D.

The Good Timers of the 8th gr. newspaper staff class took a field trip Monday to K.V.I.S.D. to see the newspaper being printed and to learn more about the printing process.

The staff's fundraiser in December made the field trip possible.

St. Pat's Dance

The St. Patrick's Day dance was held March 18 from 7 to 10 in the middle school gym. Admission was \$1.50 before the dance and \$2.00 at the door.

Chris Rice provided the entertainment. He entertains at high school dances and he did this at the middle school for the first time.

d.m.

Planet Earth: I.Q. 200

"An eye-opener to present day society."

"The unthinkable" L.A. Times

"We did it first."

The Kremlin

"Huhh?" National Lampoon

"Maybe then I'd get a little more respect." the ear he'd have to tell me where a
Rodney Dangerfield pot of gold was.

What would the world be like if every person's I.Q. were increased to 200? Imagine. More than 4 billion people, three billion of which are poverty-stricken, would suddenly realize things they had never even contemplated before. Vast, new enterprises of knowledge and understanding would open before them. With this new knowledge would come the scramble for resources to express their new ideas and emotions. Great scientific and technological advances would be achieved. Overpopulation would become almost an instant problem. Ignorant people are content to live, or exist, in poverty and extreme overpopulation. These same people rich in knowledge would seek vast amounts of privacy. People would soon realize that the earth is just not big enough to accommodate all of them. Interest would then focus on the possibilities of creating and moving to a whole new environment, to different planets. This would involve deep space exploration. It is then, in the opinion of the author, that Earth beings would be approached by beings from other planets and civilizations. From there one could only guess what might take place.

But it is said that on a planet in a galaxy far far away...

j. powless

I met a Leprechaun...

I was walking through a bright and cheery forest listening to the birds whistling when another kind of whistling joined in.

At first I thought it was someone else sitting close by but it was a weird kind of whistle no human could make.

I walked very quietly toward it, hoping to see the animal making the noise.

To my surprise I discovered what I'd been telling my Irish grandfather never existed.

There standing before me was a little man with a snowy white beard and dressed all in green.

I didn't have to think long to remember that he was called a leprechaun and from my grandpa's stories I also remembered that if I caught him by the ear he'd have to tell me where a

So very quietly I sneaked up behind him. Then just as I reached out my hand he turned around and laughed at me.

The last thing I remember was a limb falling on my head, for when I awoke, I was at home in bed.

I asked my mother how I got there and she said I had never left. It could have been a dream, but I have this awful bump on my head.

8th grader

One Wish Only —

If you had one wish and you could get a leprechaun to grant it, what would it be? We asked dozens of middle schoolers and these are their replies.

Sara Gilbert and Tracy Douglas both mentioned, "Adam Ant." Lisa Ruthruff said, "a million dollars." Jimmy Roberts would wish for the "foxiest lady." Carrie Kay said, "Ten more wishes." Ingrid Lacy wants "to be a model."

Danielle Essex wants to "have my hair the way I want it." Lisa King said, "a horse." Micah Billings wants "a money tree." Matt Hess would like one too. Barbara Kerr wants "to have macaroni and cheese all my life!"

Meredith Terry said, "you can't print it." Tim Zdzinicki wants a "Yamaha YZ 250." Kathy Hoover would like "somebody in this school." Pat Killarney would like "a million dollars." Jeff Montgomery had so many wishes he "can't choose one." John Glomski wants "a cabin on a lake in the woods where nobody could find me."

Norma Ousley and Denise Schlueter would like "two people who are on the basketball team who will remain unknown." Mrs. Swanson needs "a megaphone to cope with her laryngitis."

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ANY WISH...

Tina Snow wishes "that we could teach the teachers instead of them teaching us." Becky Bloedorn wants "to go to Australia." Stefan Tokarchick would like "a corvette." Tony Hutchins wants "someone in the 8th grade to be shorter than he is." Mrs. Matson wants "to quit school." Mrs. Chapman-Jones wouldn't mind "winning a million dollars."

Travis Hall wants "no school" as do Roy C., Tony G., and Jenn H. Steve Griffith wishes "school were shorter." P.J. Moore and Brett Lehto would like "better girls."

Shannon Waldo wants "to be out of school." Lisa Burns wishes "that people would get along in the world," and that "I could be 21 and never get any older." (That's two wishes, Lisa.) Nicole Campbell would want "to become a vet, become rich at it."

Peggy Potter would like "open campus." Noreen Demereck would like "a Trans Am." William Rayborn wants "to get out of this school." Larry Berg wants "a million dollars." (pretty popular item this year.) Susy Triquet wants "more money." Lisa Brock wishes "school would end."

Carolyn Sarola wishes "a certain high schooler (R.S.) lived by her." John Fuller "wants to go to college." Michele Thomas wants "a new pair of Nikes." Randy Good said, "I don't know." T.J. Frith wishes for "B.C.-(initials given only)" Patty Wiley wishes for "J.I.-(initials)".

Amie Hutchens wants "a trip to Europe." Rick Walters "wants college education all paid for." Scott French wants "all the wishes I wish for." Jill Gregory said "to be rich." Tim Reinoehl wants "enough money for 1000 Atari cartridges." Theresa Mullins "wants to be accepted into Harvard." Brent White wants "a water bed so he could make waves."

James Calhoun wants "all the money in the world." Paul Soule wishes "I didn't have to go to school." Lora Redmond would like "a horse." Anna Kinnipfel wants "a unicorn." Darci Curtis said, "three more wishes." Abbie Adams wishes "she didn't have to go to school."

Amy Beardon wants "magic poewrs." Rina Sides would settle "for no more homework for the rest of the year." Scott Flick wants "a good-looking girl to move to Paw Paw." Eric Greene wants "school to close for the rest of the year."

Rick Newcomb would like it "if Bo Dereck would move right next to me." Mr. Cassell wishes he had "more hair." Tom Wright would like "better teachers and better dockers." Mrs. Maxwell would like "continued good health." Bobbie McMunn would like "to go to a Lover Boy concert." Tim Conklin would like to have "girls." Michele Labadie would like "to meet Adam Ant." Jeff Allwelt said he was a boring preson and couldn't think of one.

Cherie Verile wants "to marry Eddie Starks." Mickey Charron would like "Randy Rogers and Carin Thomas to go together." Patti Emerson wants to see "Rush in concert." Tim Wunderlich would like "the school cooks not to burn the food any more." Dawn Stanley wishes "the school were extinct."

Doug Reisterer wants "to meet a girl." Mr. Topp would wish "some of his boxers would make the 1984 Olympic Team." Mrs. Firestone wishes "she could win a million dollars." Mr. Pefley would wish "for a long and happy life." Mrs. Hughes wishes that "for just one day not one student would come into the office." Mr. Erickson wishes "that all people for all time would follow the 'golden rule.'"

May all your wishes come true...

Homework Done .. Cheap!

Here's one wish some of you may have for the next nine weeks and the next few years... a HOMEWORK MACHINE. Invented as an assignment for a speech, this was the result of much work for Susan Elmore, Julie and Sharyl Golisek and Darcy Lehto.



DEAR SAM,

Dear Sam,

I'm weird. I don't mean to act so crazy all the time but I feel uncomfortable when I act "normal". In other words, being weird relaxes me. Some people like me weird and others (mostly guys) sorta put me down in a way. I want to be liked by those who look down at me but also stay friends with those who like me as a weird person. How can I do both?

WEIRD BUT NICE

Dear W. B.N.,

Don't worry about your weirdness. I think it may be just a phase that will pass eventually but in the meantime just be yourself.

Dear Sam,

I'm in love with someone but that someone doesn't love me. I've tried to get his attention by buying things for him and when I give them to him he seems to like me but the next day he acts as if I don't exist.

What'll I do?

Dear What,

I know how you feel. I have also been in love with someone who did not love me. The best thing to do, in my opinion, is to try and forget about loving this person and just think of him as a friend. Besides, you can't buy someone's love. It probably embarrasses him. Good luck.

Dear Sam,

I often get the feeling that I'm not liked by any guys I think are cute. I think about three or four guys in my homeroom are cute but they don't even seem to think I've got enough good looks to look at me more than one and half minutes. It's pretty discouraging. What should I do to improve my looks?

Unattractive

Dear Un,

If you believe that you are unattractive to guys, then you may "make" it be that way. But if you believe that you are attractive, then you will "make" yourself accordingly. (Use the proper make-up. wear the proper clothes, for example.) A lot of it is how you feel about yourself.



Pictured here are several sets of "twins" from Twin Day Feb. 1983. photo by Mr. Pefley.

CONCERT

The 7th and 8th grade had a mid-winter choir concert March 23.

Some of the songs they sang were "You've Got a Friend", "Trickle, Trickle", "Ice Castles", "Day Break", "What I did for Love" and "On the Radio."

Soloists and dancers were April Ruthruff and Sarah Lamb singing "Side by Side", "Feelings, by Debbie Waite, "The Way we Were", Amy Oliver and Sara Lumm, "Friends Forever" by Alison Wesolowski & "The Rose", Suzy Stevens. Dancers will be Theresa Drake, Amy Baker, Boris and Bruno (?) and Debbie Waite and Kathy Baughman.

d.r.

Dear Sam,

I know who you are. If you don't meet me at the room where you get milk I will tell everyone who you are. Meet me Friday the 25th at lunch. Be there or I'll tell who you are.

E.T.

Dear ET,

I am shaking in my shoes... what lunch hour? 6th? 7th? 8th? Have a nice day and a lovely lunch...